



MUSIC AT ST PETER'S
Dorchester

University Music Chamber Choir

Advent Carol Service

Saturday 30th November

St Peter's Church, Dorchester



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Please remain seated as the choir sing the opening carol:

Drop down ye heavens from above

Text: From The Advent Prose

Music: Judith Weir (b.1954)

Remain seated as the choir process to the stalls singing 'Come, thou Redeemer of the earth'

*Please stand to sing the hymn: **O come, O come, Emmanuel***

(Veni Emmanuel)

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

2. O come, thou Wisdom from above
who orderest all things through thy love;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in her ways to go:

3. O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud, and majesty, and awe:

4. O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.

5. O come, thou Key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

6. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

7. O come, Desire of nations, bring
all peoples to their Saviour King;
thou Corner-stone, who makest one,
complete in us thy work begun.

Please remain standing for The Bidding Prayer

Beloved in Christ, the season of Advent bids us prepare ourselves both for the celebration of Christ's nativity as also for the day when he shall come to judge the hearts of us all. So, in sorrow and penitence, let us confess our failures and shortcomings, and renew in ourselves the vision of God's perfect kingdom, which is the end of all our strivings and the consummation of God's loving purposes for us. In word and music we will give voice to the hope set forth in the scriptures, that God's kingdom will come; and, with John the Baptist and the Blessed Virgin Mary, we will prepare for its coming, celebrating its dawning in the birth, life and death of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. But first let us pray for those who, by reason of their adversity, yearn especially for its coming: the hungry and the homeless, the sick and the sorrowful, the lonely and the unloved; those

who sit in the darkness of despair or who walk in the shadow of death. Let us pray for the leaders of the nations and for all who strive for the establishment of justice, righteousness and peace; and, that it may bear witness to this hope in a world divided by wrath and sorrow, let us pray for the well-being and unity of Christ's body, the Church. Let us then pray for the coming of God's kingdom, in the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

May the Lord when he comes find us watching and waiting. **Amen.**

Please sit

The choir sing:

Ave Maria

Text: Traditional

Music: Franz Biebl (1906-2001)

Please stand:

I - THE MESSAGE OF ADVENT

Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh.

Minister The glory of the Lord shall be revealed:

Response **And all flesh shall see it together**

Collect:

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. **Amen.**

Choir:

O Sapientia (plainsong)

O Wisdom, which hast come out of the mouth of the Most High, and mightily orderest all things: Come and teach us the way of wisdom.

O Adonai (plainsong)

Adonai, Deliverer of the house of Israel, who in Sinai did'st give the law to Moses: Come and deliver us with an outstretched arm.

Please sit for the first lesson:

Isaiah 11, verses 1-5

The prophet speaks of the righteous Judge who will come from the line of David

The choir sing:

A tender shoot

Text: Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907) translated William Bartholemew (1793-1867)

Music: Kerensa Briggs (b.1991)

The second lesson:

Thessalonians 5, verses 1-11

The call to be vigilant in preparation for the coming of the Lord

The choir sing:

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come

Text: Revelation 22, adapted by Paul & Ruth Manz

Music: Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Please stand:

II - THE WORD OF GOD

O people of Sion, behold the Lord is nigh at hand to redeem the nations, and in the gladness of your heart the Lord shall cause his glorious voice to be heard.

Minister Declare his honour unto the nations:

Response **And his wonders unto all people.**

Collect:

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of thy holy word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Choir:

O Radix Jesse (plainsong)

O Root of Jesse, standing as a banner for the people, whom the nations shall seek: Come and deliver us, and tarry not.

O Clavis David (plainsong)

O Key of David, that openest and no man shutteth, and shuttest and no man openeth: Come and bring the prisoner out of the prison house.

Please sit for the third lesson:

Micah 4, verses 1-4

The prophet's vision of the last days, when the nations will be judged

The choir sing:

O radiant dawn

Text: Antiphon for 21 December

Music: Sir James MacMillan (b.1959)

The fourth lesson:

Saint Luke 4, verses 14-21

The words of the Prophet Isaiah are fulfilled by Jesus Christ

*Please stand to sing the hymn: **Hark a thrilling voice is sounding***

(Merton)

1. Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding;
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day.'
2. Wakened by the solemn warning,
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her sun, all ill dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.
3. Lo, the lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all, to be forgiven;
4. That when next he comes with glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
with his mercy he may shield us,
and with words of love draw near.
5. Honour, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit,
while eternal ages run.

Please remain standing

III - THE PROPHETIC CALL

Behold, I will send my Messenger and he shall prepare the way before me.

Minister Prepare ye the way of the Lord:

Response **Make his paths straight.**

Collect:

O Lord Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee: grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Choir:

O Oriens (plainsong)

O Day-Spring, Brightness of Light Everlasting, and Sun of Righteousness: Come and enlighten him that sitteth in darkness and the shadow of death.

O Rex Gentium (plainsong)

O King of the Nations, and their desire; the Corner-Stone who makest reconciliation: Come and save mankind, whom thou hast formed of clay.

Please sit for the fifth lesson:

Malachi 3, verses 1-7

The day of God's appearing brings judgement and cleansing

The choir sing:

This is the record of John

Text: Bible, John 1: 19-23

Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

The sixth lesson:

Saint Matthew 3, verses 1-11

The proclamation of John the Baptist

1. On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
come then and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.
2. Then cleansed be every Christian breast,
and furnished for so great a guest!
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.
3. For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge, and our great reward;
without thy grace our souls must fade,
and wither like a flower decayed.
4. Stretch forth thine hand to heal our sore,
and make us rise, to fall no more;
once more upon thy people shine,
and fill the world with love divine.
5. All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent sets thy people free,
whom, with the Father, we adore,
and Spirit blest, for evermore.

Please remain standing

IV - THE GOD-BEARER

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, 'God with us.'

Minister Unto us a child is born:

Response **Unto us a Son is given.**

Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God, who didst stoop to raise our fallen race by the child-bearing of blessed Mary: grant that we, who have seen thy glory manifested in our flesh, and thy love perfected in our weakness, may daily be renewed in thine image, and conformed to the likeness of thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Choir:

O Emmanuel (plainsong)

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the desire of the nations: Come and save us, O Lord our God.

Please sit

The choir sing:

Gabriel's Message

Text: S. Baring Gould (1834-1924)

Music: Arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

The seventh lesson:

Saint Luke 1, verses 39-40

Mary shares her joyful news with Elizabeth

The choir sing:

A spotless rose

*Text: Anonymous, 14th century 'Es ist ein Ros entsprungen' translated
Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*

Music: Paul Mealar (b.1975)

The choir sing:

Magnificat 'Kings College Service'

Text: Luke 1 vv.46-55

Music: Joanna Forbes L'Estrange (b.1971)

The eighth lesson:

Saint John 3, verses 1-8

Jesus speaks with Nicodemus of the 'birth from above'

Please stand:

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness; let the earth open and bring forth a Saviour.

Minister Blessed be the Lord God of Israel:

Response **For he hath visited and redeemed his people.**

THE CHRISTMAS COLLECT

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure Virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Please sit as the choir sing:

Nova! Nova!

Text: Traditional, fifteenth century based on St Luke's Gospel

Music: Iain Farrington (b.1977)

*Please stand to sing the hymn: **Lo! He comes with clouds descending***

(Helmsley)

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| <p>1. Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! (3 times)
God appears on earth to reign.</p> <p>2. Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at nought and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree:
Deeply wailing, (3 times)
shall the true Messiah see.</p> | <p>3. Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture, (3 times)
gaze we on those glorious scars.</p> <p>4. Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory:
claim the kingdom for thine own;
O come quickly, (3 times)
Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!</p> |
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Please remain standing for The Blessing:

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please sit for the organ voluntary, which is offered as part of the service:

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659
(Organist: David Beeby)

Music: J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

There will be an opportunity for you to make a gift towards St. Peter's work in the community when you leave. If you are a taxpayer, please consider placing your gift in one of the yellow envelopes and complete your details on the front. You can make a gift using a Debit/Credit Card by using the Tap and Pay Machine at the rear of the Church. Thank you.

More events at St Peter's during December:

Saturday 7th December, 12.30-1.00pm

'Mini Messiah'

A selection of arias and choruses squeezed into 30 minutes!

Admission Free

Saturday 21st December, 4.30pm

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Admission Free

Tuesday 24th December, 11.30pm

Choral Midnight Mass

Music by Schubert, Will Todd, Adolphe Adam

Admission Free

Dates for your 2025 diary!

Sunday 12th January, 10.30am: Choral Eucharist
Music by Cornelius, Victoria and Berlioz. Admission free.

Saturday 18th January, 12.30-1.00pm: Lunchtime Concert
An organ recital by Dr David Bednall (leading UK composer and Choral Director of Clifton Cathedral). Admission free.

Saturday 25th January, 4.30pm: Choral Evensong for Epiphany
Music by Bingham, Reading, Wood and Mendelssohn. Admission free.

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